

Addressing the growth of ancillary services in physicians' offices

ISSUE: A provision in the physician self-referral law allows physicians to provide certain services—such as imaging, physical therapy, radiation therapy, and clinical lab tests—to patients in their offices (the in-office ancillary services exception). In the Commission's June 2010 report, we described the growth of ancillary services in physicians' offices and discussed policy options to address this growth.

KEY POINTS: In this session, staff will discuss the pros and cons of various policy approaches to address the growth of ancillary services in physicians' offices.

ACTION: Commissioners should provide feedback to staff on the policy options.

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